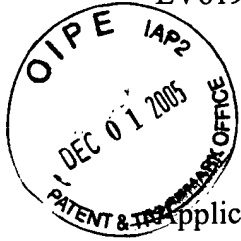


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METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SAME
Group Art Unit : 1623
Examiner : Leigh C. Maier

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Examiner's June 1, 2005 office action. A response was due by September 1, 2005. Applicants submit herewith a petition for three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). With the extension, a response is due by December 1, 2005.

The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper, and applicants' remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.